

During his years of farming and serving, he founded the Rural Policy Institute, established a cooperative curriculum at Montana State University, and developed strong ties with farm groups in foreign countries. He had a passion for travel as it was his education and his way to reach out to the rest of the world that was crying for the technology and ways to feed a hungry world.

We in Montana will miss him as he was the inspiration of leadership. Did we always agree? No. That was not important but the dialog and communications that enabled us to help those in need that farm and ranch was important. He would say that we are the providers and there is no higher calling on God's Earth.

Bud is survived by 4 daughters, Amy, Becky, Rachel, and Karen. Also by their mother, Laura Daniels of Billings, Montana.●

COUSINO HIGH SCHOOL NAMED BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL FOR 1999-2000

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, in 1982, the United States Department of Education initiated its Blue Ribbon Schools Program. In each year since, the Department has recognized schools throughout the country which excel in all areas of academic leadership, teaching and teacher development, and school curriculum. In other words, Blue Ribbon Schools are the finest public and private secondary schools our Nation has to offer. They are the schools that set the standard for which others strive. I am very proud to report that nine of the 198 Blue Ribbon Schools named by Secretary Richard W. Riley for 1999-2000 are located in the State of Michigan, and I rise today to recognize Cousino High School in Warren, Michigan, one of these nine schools.

Cousino High School is a contemporary American high school set amongst the "Big Three" members of the auto industry—General Motors, Ford Motor Company and DaimlerChrysler. Much of the instructional program at Cousino relies upon the same forces that drive these international automotive giants, a fact which can be attributed to the large participation of the Warren community in the affairs of Cousino High School. Teachers, administrators, and parents, along with nearly 300 leaders from local business and industry, are directly involved in shaping the educational program. This involvement has been instrumental in creating the high student achievement level that has become a trademark of Cousino High School.

A large part of this program is devoted to ensuring that students who graduate Cousino High School leave technologically competent. All Cousino

classes use technology as a tool to facilitate learning. Multiple computer labs spread throughout the building and additional computers in the media center and classrooms allow students to easily access the Internet. In addition, Cousino's proximity to the General Motors Technical Center, the world's largest auto research institute, and the satellite automotive and technical businesses nearby, have provided students with an opportunity to see first-hand the many doors that their education will open for them. This focus on technology has complemented the core subjects of literature, humanities, philosophy and the arts to provide students with a well-balanced educational foundation.

Of course, no school could be successful without students and parents who are willing to devote time and energy to see that their school is indeed successful. This dedication has occurred time and again at Cousino High School. Parents have consistently served on the Principal's Advisory Committee and School Improvement Plan committees, have volunteered in Booster Clubs and for other school activities, and helped to promote school spirit by promoting school events. This parental enthusiasm has rubbed off onto students of Cousino High. Over 80 percent of students participate in extracurricular activities, and students have led the way in aiding the community as a whole, working tirelessly for numerous charities.

I applaud the students, parents, faculty and administration of Cousino High School, for I believe this is an award which speaks more to the effort of a united community than it does to the work of a few individuals. With that having been said, I would like to recognize Mr. Joseph Sayers, Principal of Cousino High School, whose dedication to making his school one of the finest in our Nation has been instrumental in creating this community. On behalf of the entire United States Senate, I congratulate Cousino High School on being named a Blue Ribbon School for 1999-2000, and wish the school continued success in the future.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:10 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 302. An act for the relief of Kerantha Poole-Christian

S. 1794. An act to designate the Federal courthouse at 145 East Simpson Avenue in Jackson, Wyoming, as the "Clifford P. Hansen Federal Courthouse."

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3088. An act to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide additional protections to victims of rape.

H.R. 3235. An act to improve academic and social outcomes for youth and reduce both juvenile crime and the risk that youth will become victims of crime by providing productive conducted by law enforcement personnel during non-school hours.

H.R. 4147. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to increase the age of persons considered to be minors for the purposes of the prohibition on transporting obscene materials to minors.

H.R. 4315. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3695 Green Road in Beachwood, Ohio, as the "Larry Small Post Office Building."

H.R. 4640. An act to make grants to States for carrying out DNA analyses for use in the Combined DNA Index System of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to provide for the collection and analysis of DNA samples from certain violent and sexual offenders for use in such system, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4827. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent the entry by false pretenses to any real property, vessel, or aircraft of the United States or secure area of any airport, to prevent the misuse of genuine and counterfeit police badges by those seeking to commit a crime, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5267. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 100 Federal Plaza in Central Islip, New York, as the "Theodore Roosevelt United States Courthouse."

H.R. 5284. An act to designate the United States customhouse located at 101 East Main Street in Norfolk, Virginia, as the "Owen B. Pickett United States Customhouse."

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 396. Concurrent resolution celebrating the birth of James Madison and his contributions to the Nation.

H. Con. Res. 400. Concurrent resolution congratulating the Republic of Hungary on the millennium of its foundation as a state.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 704. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to combat the overutilization of prison health care services and control rising prisoner health care costs.

H.R. 3363. An act for the relief of Akal Security, Incorporated.